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Officials Ready To Amend Video Game Rules

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Zoning and Planning Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to amend present ordinances specifically restricting video games in local businesses.

The video game issue came to public attention in November when Building Inspector Bob Johnson issued a cease and desist order to Earnest Caruso, owner of a Mountain Road gas station, for operating 2 pinball and 3 video games. This violated a zoning ordinance which prohibits games of chance.

Present zoning regulations were in effect before video games became popular. A ZPC subcommittee report proposed amendments dealing with video games, allowing two such games per establishment, as an accessory use. The intent of the ZPC is to prevent establishing arcades as a main use.

A January ZPC order closing down operation of all video games was never enforced. First Selectman Earl Waterman, enforcing officer, sought the opinion of Town Counsel Charles Alfano on the matter.

Many local citizens attended Monday night's public hearing on the video game issue.

Speaking as a citizen, Attorney John Wyzik, legal counsel for Caruso, asked the commission to explain why changes were proposed. Commissioner Betty Brew said the ZPC wanted to clarify its position. Commissioner Stanley Szoka added, "Nobody wants an arcade in town; it won't do our young people any good."

Resident Margaret Matuck questioned the unfairness of closing Caruso's operation and not others, such as the cafe owned by the son of First Selectman Earl Waterman.

Commission Chairwoman Lorette Russell reminded Mrs. Matuck that the commission issued the order banning operation of all games, and that Waterman is responsible for carrying out the order as the enforcing officer.

Caruso said it was unfair that he was singled out for shutdown, but commissioner Szoka responded, "Your gas station is across from Town Hall."

Walter Sczapa spoke in favor of video games. Describing the arcade in Agawam with 19 machines as a profitable operation, Sczapa stated that if machines are allowed, the number shouldn't be limited.

Edward Matyskiela also spoke in favor of video games and said morality "can't be legislated." He did feel that a \$20 installation fee assessed by the town is too low.

Lawyer Stephen Fisher described taking his two children to an arcade. He said they disposed of a roll of quarters in "half an hour to the sole benefit of the owners of the machines."

To install video games, businesses must apply to Building Inspector Johnson for special use permits (\$20 each year) as well as submit site plans.

Proper pedestrian access to the site must be provided as well as supervision by an individual at least 18 years of age. One parking space per machine must also be provided. Building and fire codes will be enforced.



SOUTHWICK TEACHER DEBBIE PATRYN questions Finance Committee member Norman Stacey on recreational cuts brought on with passage of Proposition 2 1/2 at Southwick's open forum last Thursday. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Board Of Ed. Submits Budget For \$5.5 Million

By Penny Stone

Suffield: Following Tuesday's regular meeting, Board of Education members will submit a budget of \$5,579,197 for Finance Committee approval.

The bottom line figure represents a 7.72% increase in the town's contribution. Salaries comprise the largest part of the proposed budget, increasing over last year by 8.05% and occupying 70.3% of the overall School Department budget.

Also reflected in this year's budget is a 14.45% increase in purchased services with \$108,802 more being requested currently. The supplies and materials account suffered a cutback, however, with less being requested for 1982-83.

In related business, board members unanimously approved McAlister Middle School Principal Anthony Kulas' request for \$4,500 to relocate the home economics classroom to the industrial arts wing of the school where more space is available.

"Two years ago, only 7th and 8th graders were exposed to home ec," he noted, "but now all of our students are and that makes the present classroom space insufficient for mobility and elbow room."

Projected plans call for use of room 109 and some plumbing and electrical work as well as cabinet building.

Other budgetary items call for the elimination of 3/10 of a Spanish language teaching position, 3/10 of a home economics teaching position at the high school, and two classroom teaching positions at Spaulding Elementary School.

According to Superintendent of Schools Sidney Dupont, these requests are "based on the declining enrollment figures for these classes."

Forum Focuses On Effects Of 2 1/2 On Schools

by Cheryl Bruno

Southwick: Approximately 130 persons attended a public forum moderated by Gilbert Arnold on the effects of Proposition 2 1/2 held last Thursday at Southwick High School. Four-minute presentations by each of seven panel members were followed by comments from those in attendance and a question-and-answer session.

Selectmen had been invited to sit on the panel, but declined due to a conflicting meeting scheduled on the police budget.

Panel member Ruth Lobo, a teacher in another school system who has a child in each of Southwick's three schools, pointed out her belief that 2 1/2 has had a negative impact on educational growth. She cited the elimination of twenty teaching positions and the resultant growth of class sizes as particularly detrimental.

"At its worst, 2 1/2 condemns schools to a process of decay," Mrs. Lobo said, adding, "If we continue our present course, we will leave a legacy of mediocrity for our children."

In contrast with Mrs. Lobo's position, high school student panelist Robert Alberti stated he did not believe education had been affected much in areas other than athletics and extra-curricular activities.

His stand, though, was contradicted by a poll taken of 435 high school students which showed 62.5% feel 2 1/2 has affected education negatively. Of these same individuals polled, 82.5% feel sports have been hurt and 2% feel school spirit has been affected badly. 67.5% feel Proposition 2 1/2 is unjust and unfair to students.

Panel member Barbara Perkins, president of the Southwick Education Association, noted that cuts in textbook purchasing and in class offerings has definitely hurt education. She expressed concern with Southwick High School's ability to attain accreditation when the time comes in two years.

Though Ms. Perkins questioned whether students in the near future will have more difficulty being accepted into college, she expressed more concern for the larger group of "average" students who are receiving less attention. "Is this the new ME generation? Don't we care about our kids?" she asked.

Ms. Perkins stand on the detrimental effects of 2 1/2 on education was echoed by fellow panelist Joyce Zippe, a teacher at Woodland School who cited overcrowded conditions and long waiting lists for remedial assistance.

Ms. Zippe said, "You asked us to cut the fat and we did. We're down to the meat, and if we have to cut anymore, you'll see blood."

School Committee Chairwoman Priscilla Deveno and Finance Committee member Norman Stacey presented somewhat opposing views of effects of 2 1/2. Mrs. Deveno indicated that 2 1/2 is "gutting" the school system and that cuts in maintenance are "pennywise and pound foolish."

Stacey reminded the audience that 2 1/2 had been passed by a wide margin and other areas such as the elderly and homeowners need to be considered. He challenged the School Committee to improve its level of cooperation with the Finance Committee in increasing productivity and in eliminating waste. Stacey also applauded volunteer efforts such as those of the Boost Our Southwick Schools organization.

The seventh panelist, Rev. David Wright, reported the recommendations to the School Committee made by members of the Parent Advisory Committee to which he belongs. Included in these unanimous recommendations are contracting out two bus routes for the next two years, hiring an outside custodial service at a lower cost than maintaining the town's own, and eliminating internal suspension.

Among the parents in the audience to address the gathering was Phil Hall, who traced the impact of cuts in education which began with the tax cap imposed in 1980. He expressed concern with low teacher morale and recommended rescheduling secondary school days and making physical education, music, art, etc. voluntary courses in order to save money.

Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn felt that attendance at the forum was better than he had expected, but not as good as he would have liked.

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Mar. 24th: 9 A.M. To 10 P.M.

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Alan Ferrigno Declares Candidacy

Southwick: Alan Ferrigno, candidate for selectman in Southwick, feels the need for flexible, effective, and decisive leadership in municipal government has never been more necessary than it is today with Proposition 2½ in effect.

"The wisest and most efficient use of financial resources, as well as personnel, must be employed in operating a municipality," Ferrigno says.

He goes on to advocate establishing specific goals, of both short and long range, which "must become the common goal or the community of interest for all the various departments within Southwick."

"Presently, the various internal sections of the town's government have no community of interest, but



SELECTMAN CANDIDATE ALAN FERRIGNO

travel in different directions with no common purpose," Ferrigno says. "This internal segmentation creates confusion and, as has been seen, is expensive for every taxpayer."

Ferrigno advocates all town departments subordinating their various individual desires to the more important goal of doing what is good for the town as a whole, if necessary. "We must band together for the common good," he explains.

Ferrigno points out that the Board of Selectmen, as chief administrative officers for the town, "must coordinate both money and people for utmost efficiency and productivity, must set goals for the town as a whole, and must, within reasonable time limits, evaluate and study matters and then make a decision."

He concludes by saying, "If elected, I plan to call upon some of the very talented people in our town to come forward and join with the existing talent to form a force rich in people working toward a common goal."

School Board To Re-Submit Budget To Board Of Finance

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: At Tuesday's regular meeting, the School Committee agreed to re-submit a budget of \$3,317,000 to the Finance Committee, which had asked the School Board to cut back its figure as submitted last week.

The budget is not as yet complete because teacher salary contracts are still being negotiated. The \$3.3 million figure also does not include \$33,000 for purchase of a truck and van for the School Department nor the estimated \$1 million proposed bond request for roof repair.

According to School Committee Chairman Priscilla Deveno, any further cuts "would be devastating and decimating to our schools."

"Should we make these decisions or should we allow the town to?" she asked, adding that cuts have already been made and further trimming would mean eliminating staff and programs.

The committee also noted that state funds have not been finalized yet, and many things may change before the budget goes before Town Meeting. In addition, the Annual Town Meeting may be delayed because the state has not set its formula for allocation of funds to communities.

Members of Boost Our Southwick Schools (B.O.S.S.) met with school officials to determine how B.O.S.S. funds could best be used in extra-curricular activity funding. The group is primarily concerned that their funds be used for student activities and not go into a general fund. The group further emphasized that their funds were to be used for various activities, not solely for high school athletics.

School Business Director Kenneth Johnson, in submitting the spring sports budget, noted that the account is short about \$4,000.

"We will definitely need outside help to complete the program," he said.

The total budget of \$11,976 includes \$7,043 for coaches' salaries; \$1,743 for officials' fees; \$1,667 for supplies and reconditioning equipment; and fees for other related expenses. Users' fees are projected to provide about \$1,980 and the revolving fund about \$5,995.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the low bid from Small Computer Company Inc. of East Longmeadow of \$6,935 for purchase of six Pet Commodore mini-computers to be used in Southwick High and Powder Mill Schools. The committee earlier viewed demonstrations of Commodore and Atari models.

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Town Sewer Study Near Completion

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: The study phase of the town-wide project concerning sewerage disposal is nearly completed, according to Charles Dauchy of Ward Engineering Associates of Springfield.

Dauchy told the Planning Board Thursday that his firm is aiming for a late May public meeting to explain results of the study to residents.

The engineers have looked at most of the town and "have a good impression of its problems," Dauchy said. He plans to test local wells in the spring to evaluate the ground water conditions.

Prime Concern To Town

The Congamond Lakes area has been of prime concern to the town, according to Dauchy. He said studies show that much of the problems with the lake water stems from nutrients which have accumulated in the sediment at the bottom of the lake. This periodically rises into surface water. This problem stems from both natural and man-made causes, he said.

Area septic systems which leech into the lake also cause some of the problem. He said removing this source would not solve the lake problem. Because of the number of residences and the usually small size of lots, Dauchy noted that a type of community collection system for sewerage might be designed for that area.

A community collection system, he explained, would allow several individual septic systems to connect into one larger septic tank, usually away from the problem soil area. The main concern in the lakes area is to get the polluting phosphates away from the water area, he said.

The center area of town is also a source of sewerage disposal problems. Dauchy said this area too was being considered for community systems for conventional hook-up to the Westfield system. There are

several other locations where present septic systems have proved ineffective, according to the engineer. On-site corrections can be made in large lot developments, but some type of community collection will be necessary for small lots, he said.

Workable Location

Dauchy told planners that the old railroad bed could prove a workable location for community collection tanks. He said the study is also considering using this state-owned land as a possible interceptor route for connection to Westfield.

Industrial zones should be closely regulated, according to the report. Dauchy said regular sewerage usually does not present problems but difficulties arise from disposal of processed water and from the storage and spills of fuels. Dauchy suggested issuing special permits for such activity stating "reasonable but detailed" regulations to protect the town but not discourage business development.

Dauchy's report also suggested the Board of Health cooperate with the Planning Board in the approval of future sub-division development. He further suggested that the method of design inspection of new septic systems by the health board should be improved.

At the public hearing Dauchy plans to further detail problem areas and the reasons for septic failures and present design plans and cost estimates for renewing, repairing or replacing failing systems.

Much of the \$130,000 study has been federally and state financed. "Innovative or alternative" designs and construction can also be up to 94 percent reimbursed, he said.

Dauchy concluded by saying the money invested in well-designed systems of adequate size is "cheap insurance for the future."

Financial Facts

By Gary C. Smith
Suffield Savings Bank

Often, customers want to send money from their bank to some other part of the country or world.

There are several ways to accomplish this, most commonly through the use of checks. But, if there is a great urgency or need for the funds, a faster way to send money is through a wire transfer.

A wire transfer can be thought of as a telegram from one bank to another. The message is simply that the originating bank is sending money to the receiving bank for credit to a named payee. Instead of actually sending money, however, the transfer is accomplished through bookkeeping entries at each bank.

The advantage of a wire transfer is the speed in which the funds can be made available to the payee. Often, money transferred from the East coast of the West coast is available to the payee on the same day it is sent.

Most banks charge a fee for wire transfers. The fee commonly ranges up to \$15 for transfers within the continental United States and higher for the rest of the world.

If you want to wire money through your bank, it is necessary to provide them the following: **The name of the bank the wire is going to; the name of the person or company the funds are to be paid; the account number or company the funds are going to.**

Missing, or incorrect information can delay the wire or cause it to be credited to the wrong payee. It is, therefore, necessary to be certain of the information you provide.

Fahrback Offers Info

In an effort to bring government closer to the people, State Representative Ruth C. Fahrback (R-61) is making important legislative information available to district residents through their town libraries and town clerk offices.

"In order to keep residents informed about what is happening in the General Assembly, I am providing the Windsor, Suffield and East Granby town libraries with the list of bills that have been introduced," Rep. Fahrback said today.

"Continuing, Rep. Fahrback said, "The list of bills is valuable because it identifies all of the bills that have been introduced and not just the ones that receive publicity. Many times, bills affecting the towns, or groups of individuals in those towns, come up for hearings and no one really knows about them."

"I urge everyone who is interested in the workings of the General Assembly to avail themselves of this valuable information that will be in town libraries and town clerk offices. For further information on public hearings scheduled on any bill, people may call the Legislative Date Process Center at 566-5034. Anyone desiring further assistance may call me at 566-8534," Rep. Fahrback concluded.

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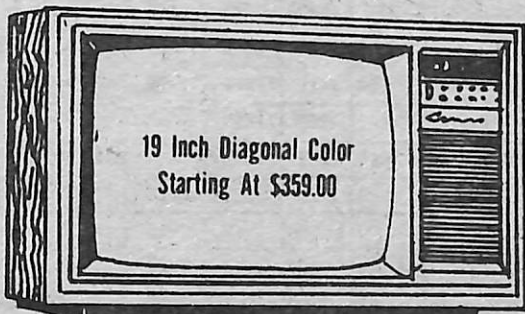
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EXPLAINING THE CORRECT USE of the Scott Air Pack breathing apparatus to two of his three firefighting sons in a recent drill is 25-year veteran fireman John Golec. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Suffield Firefighters Hold Saturday Drill On Breathing Apparatus

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Suffield Fire Department held a drill Saturday, March 6th, to give firemen practice in using breathing apparatus.

As arranged, firemen carried bales of hay into an abandoned building, poured fuel oil on the hay and ignited it. About twenty firemen rotated tasks of monitoring the smoke-filled building, manning the hoses and going in with the Scott Air Pack breathing units on.

Chief Thomas Bellmore explained that the department has six of the breathing units, each of which is supplied with a compressed air bottle good for 25 minutes. When the alarms on the breathing units sound, firemen change air bottles.

Seven Suffield firemen have been certified to instruct others in the use of breathing apparatus. Lieutenants Steve Brockett and Hale McIntyre, training officer for the department, assisted firemen in use of the apparatus.

On hand also at the training exercise were the pumper truck from the Congamond station, the tank wagon, and the rescue truck from the main station.

In detailing the necessity for experience in using the breathing apparatus, Captain Bob Kulas noted the danger of smoke at fires.

"Two good bellyfuls of smoke and that's it," he said. He added that in an actual fire, firemen often go blind "with smoke so dense you can't see anything."

Chief Bellmore concluded, "The drill was a good opportunity for our new volunteers to go in under controlled conditions and learn how to use the breathing apparatus."

Suffield Calendar Of Events

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Mar. 22: Film "Rain" at library, 7 p.m., free; Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart hall.

Tues., Mar. 23: AARP meeting, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart hall; Rotary, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Boy Scouts 260, 7 p.m. St. Joseph's hall; "Death, Dying, & Bereavement" Part 2, 7:30 p.m., library, free

Wed., Mar. 24: Thrift Shop open 10 - 3:30; Senior Citizens' program at W. Suffield Congregational Church, 10 a.m.; Historical Soc., "Railroads of New England," East St. Firehouse; Suffield Grange Neighbors Night, Thompsonville Road; Recreation Commission, 7:30, Town Hall Annex.

Thurs., Mar. 25: Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall; Democratic Town Comm Caucus, 7:30, Town Hall.

Sun., Mar. 28: Library open, 1-4 p.m.

Joy Johnson Engaged

Southwick: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon H. Johnson of 18 Bugbee Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Christina, to James Henry Biggart, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Biggart of Darien, Connecticut.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Southwick High School and Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She is employed as a loan officer with the Farm Credit Service in Flemington, New Jersey.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of the Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA, and of the University of Virginia. He earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut and is a certified public accountant employed with Arthur Andersen & Company in New York City.

A June 26th wedding is planned at Southwick Congregational Church.

Women's Club Holds Arts & Crafts Show

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club held its fourth annual Arts and Crafts Show on Tuesday, March 9th, at the Second Baptist Church.

Show Chairman Peggy Supple presented a pewter bowl for "Best in Show" to Phyllis Stafford for her miniature potting shed.

All first place winners in local shows are now eligible to compete district-wide in a show to be held at the Ramada Inn, East Windsor, on March 23rd.

The following individuals are all first-place winners in various categories:

Original Art: Bernice Shaw, watercolor; Bernice Shaw, oil; and Nancy Mariano, pencil drawing.

Fashion Sewing: Myrth Thompson, 3-piece suit; Norene Moore, 4-piece outfit.

Knitting: Myrth Thompson, woman's sweater.

Crocheting: Myrth Thompson, women's sweater.

Holiday Decorations: Mim Brockett, fruit wreath, and

Ann Harvey, Easter basket chicken and eggs.

Miniatures: Phyllis Stafford, potting shed, and Phyllis Stafford, Queen Anne card table.

Tote & Decorative Painting: Amy Harvey (4 categories); Mim Brockett, Priscilla Wabrek, Florence Cemala.

Sewing: Nancy Mariano (4 categories), Ethel Nelsen, and Mariane Wagner.

Bloodmobile

SOUTHWICK: A Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held on Friday, March 26th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Southwick High School gym. This event is sponsored by the SHS Student Council. No appointment is necessary for potential donors.

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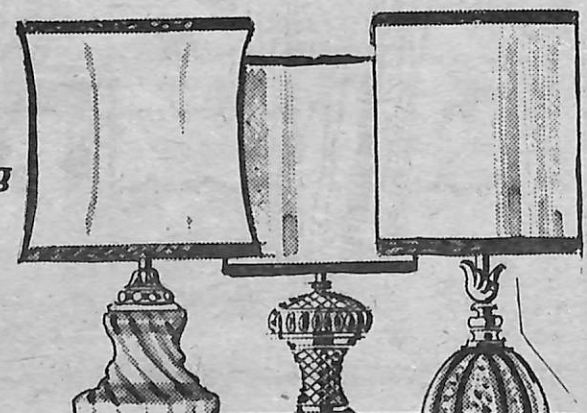
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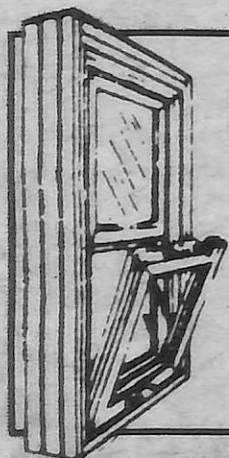
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Stacey Schneider Wins Young Miss Contest

Suffield: The Future Jaycees of Suffield have announced that Stacey Schneider won the first place bicycle in their first annual Young Miss contest.

Tara Quagliaroli copped second place and Jennifer Mosher, third, both winning \$25 savings accounts.

The talent portion of the contest included dancing, gymnastics, musical ability, and baton. Approximately 150 individuals attended the event.

The Future Jaycees would like to thank the Suffield Jaycees, the Jaycee Women, disc jockey Jerry Crane, McDonald's, Burger King, Caldor's, Mark Drug, Suffield Village Pharmacy, the Village Cinema, Woolco's, Case's Flowers, and all the young girls who participated in the competition.

Classical Class of '52 Reunion

The Lost and Found Committee of the Classical High School Class of 1952 is trying to locate members of their graduating class in order to hold a 30th year reunion this year.

Anyone who knows the address of a member of this class is asked to call one of the following people:

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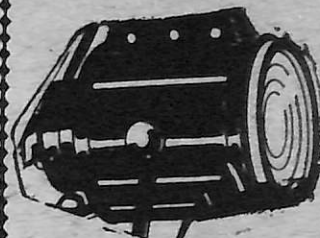
Town Gallery Offers Acrylic Demonstration

On Wednesday, March 24, at 1:00 p.m., Fran Scully of Suffield, Conn. will offer to the public without charge an acrylic demonstration.

Ms. Scully, renowned for her floral interpretations, has been a repeated prize winner in such prestigious shows as the Conn. Watercolor Society, the Academic Artists, the Springfield Art League National, the Conn. Women Artists, and the Miniature Art Society of Florida.

Over the past decade, Ms. Scully has garnered over 45 regional and national awards.

The demonstration will take place at the Town Gallery Ltd, a non-profit corporation whose primary reason is the creative interaction of its members and the furtherance of the arts in the community.



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On Friday, March 26th, the foot doctor will be available to seniors at the Southwick Senior Citizens' Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

SUFFIELD SENIOR NEWS

A soup kitchen will be held at the West Suffield Congregational Church on March 24th. The luncheon will follow a film entitled "Pygmalion" sponsored by the Kent Memorial Library.

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Enter The World Of Craft Emporium

By Claudia Scott

At some point during our long New England winters, most of us get those intangible "blahs" many call cabin fever. Unfortunately, this winter, with its colder-than-usual days, seems to have caused an epidemic "blahs" many call cabin fever. Unfortunately, this winter, with its colder-than-usual days, seems to have caused an epidemic of these blahs.

Luckily, Jeffrey and Martha Allmon, owners of the **Craft Emporium** on College Highway in Southwick, have a cure. Stop in to see them, and you will believe the promise that spring really is just around the corner.

Whether you are a skilled craftsperson or a novice with no handicraft experience at all, the Allmons can help you to create a multitude of items that cost a fraction of identical ready-made articles. You will also life your spirits by doing something creative and fun.

The Allmons opened the Emporium a few years ago because of a habit, or rather because of breaking one. When Jeff decided to quit smoking, he needed to "do something with his hands that were so accustomed to holding a cigarette" so began making macrame items. He enjoyed the craft so much and was buying so many macrame materials that he decided to find a wholesaler for his supplies.

Because Jeff already operated the "Second Hand Rose," an antique and "junkie" shop in part of his home, he simply made one part of the shop into a craft corner. Martha, a home economics teacher in Southwick, added supplies for silk flower-making, a hobby she personally enjoys.

Martha points out that the number of craft items they offered kept mushrooming to the point that they decided to eliminate the antiques and become solely craft merchants. Today, the **Craft Emporium** is one of the most complete craft supply stores in the area.

"Whatever we have, we have a lot of," Martha claims, pleased that when people come to the shop, they can get what they need for a project without having to look elsewhere.

Another factor which has made the Emporium grow so quickly is Martha's and Jeff's sincere and superb customer service. Martha uses her teaching skills in a patient, positive approach, making anyone feel comfortable asking for assistance in either choosing materials or in learning the steps in making a project.

This approach combined with Jeff's sense of humor makes going to the Emporium as much a social activity as a shopping trip.

You might want to sign up for one of the craft classes that are offered at the shop weekly. These morning or evening sessions are very popular because the projects can be made in one sitting and one can leave feeling very productive and talented.

The classes being offered in March include those for macrame-items such as baby mobiles, wine racks, and hanging tables; fabric recipe boxes, picture frames, and flower baskets; covered lampshades, cross-stitch jar covers, fabric brooms, springtime door decorations, silk lilacs, and Easter and spring crafts and flower arrangements. Any one of these projects would make a delightful gift or add beauty to your own home.

Brides might want to consider making their own arrangements out of silk flowers. Not only is it economical, but also a rewarding experience producing a lasting bouquet. Like with all other projects, Martha will give you all the assistance you need.

Martha joined Jeff in fulltime operation of store and uses her background as a textile and fabric major in college in selecting the full line of fabrics available at the Emporium. She plans to increase the line of fabrics suitable for craft projects and sewing again this spring.

She and Jeff attend craft merchant conventions to keep up with trends and to learn the latest craft techniques. They are always working on a project themselves, and Martha confesses that she has to discipline herself to complete one project before starting a new one because of the wide variety available.

The **Craft Emporium** is open seven days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:30-9:00; Thursdays, and Saturdays, 9:30-6; and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.



MARTHA ALLMON, co-owner of The Craft Emporium on College Highway. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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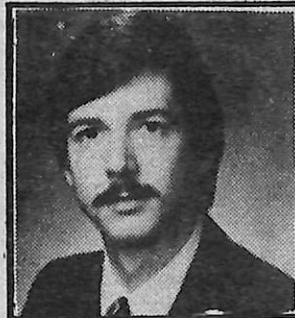
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A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

Most people today seem to have the misconception that cremation is the simplest means of disposition of a deceased human body. Actually, cremation, as compared to earth burial, is just an alternative method of disposition following death. Instead of going to a cemetery for burial, the family may choose to go to a crematory for cremation.

Recent statistics indicate that in the United States, less than 10 percent of deaths result in final disposition of the body by cremation. In the use of cremation, most of the customs and rituals that normally make up the funeral may not be significantly altered.

There can still be a visitation and viewing of the deceased. A worship service or ceremony with the body present can be held. There can also be a committal service for the cremated remains. There, usually in a chapel setting, final rites are heard. After family and friends leave, the casket is placed into a specially designed furnace called a "retort."

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BURIAL: A second option involves burying the cremated remains in an earth grave in the urn. Burials of cremated remains can be in a family plot or a special area available in many cemeteries.

SCATTERING: Strewing the cremated remains is the third option. This requires some pulverization because there are usually some larger bone fragments after cremation. Scattering the cremated remains is possible providing there are no legal prohibitions. A funeral director can advise you about any such restrictions.



Letters To The EDITOR

Rally Set To Oppose Reagan

To The Editor:

On Wednesday, March 31, the twelve community colleges of the State of Connecticut are sponsoring an all-day event at Manchester Community College designed to rally support throughout the state in opposition to the Reagan Administration's proposals to reduce drastically the federal government's role in the financing of higher education in our country.

As most are aware, the Administration's proposals, if passed, would wreak havoc upon students and parents attempting to make plans for further study in the colleges, universities, and proprietary schools of our nation. In Connecticut alone, students could lose as much as \$3.4 million in aid this coming year and \$17.2 million in the 1983-84 academic year.

On March 31, we hope to send a very loud message to Washington, and we invite the community to join with us. Planned activities include workshops, seminars, rallies, presentations from the Connecticut Congressional delegation and student aid directors, and training sessions on effective lobbying techniques, grassroots organizing, etc.

Why a community college site? Because more so than any other unit of higher education, we are representative of the population most affected by these proposals: Not only are we concerned for our own students, but the current and future students and parents in the localities we serve - namely, the state of Connecticut. This has been adequately exemplified in the past at my own institution by our involvement in student aid presentations for the entire community.

Please join us March 31 at Manchester Community College. If anyone has any questions, suggestions, comments, whatever, please feel free to contact me at (203) 745-1603, extension 42, or John Taylor, Director of Financial Aid, Manchester Community College, (203) 646-4900.

Remember, send a message to Washington- Join us on March 31.

Sincerely,
Tom Bradham, Director
Center for Financial Aid & Career Services
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Garbage Day Woes!

To The Editor:

It's Wednesday morning, 7 a.m., the sun is shining. It was going to be a great day until I heard my dog barking, tied up in back. I got up out of bed and stuck my head out the door. Sure enough, there's one dog at the end of my driveway and two others down in the swamp with their heads in garbage bags!

I can count on this every Wednesday, which is garbage day in our parts. I sure am getting sick of picking up other people's garbage from other people's dogs.

I'm not sure who to blame this on. I guess most blame should go to the people that let their dogs run loose on garbage day. Even if they don't have their own garbage picked up by the garbage removal people, they should find out what day they come around. It won't hurt to tie your dog once a week; as a matter of fact, it could save your dog's life!! (Think of all those splintery bones he's after.)

I suppose some of the blame should go to people that don't purchase garbage cans. I know they are expensive, but how many times in a lifetime (or you dog's life) do you buy garbage cans?

Another concern of mine is all the litter (garbage) around the neighborhood. That's the main reason I pick up after the dogs. I hate litter, especially around my house. It's not too nice to drive down any street and see dirty diapers, milk cartons, cans, etc. strewn all over.

You may think "My dog never gets in garbage." Maybe your dog doesn't get into your garbage, but what about the people next door or the next street over? All dogs love garbage, if they have a chance to get into it.

Please have some pride in your community and please care about your animals. The question is - do you know where your dog is on garbage day???

Barbara Bell
A Concerned Southwick Citizen

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Republicans Select Candidates

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Local Republicans selected nine candidates for the April 13th town election slate to be headed by incumbent selectmen John Viel of Hillside Road, who is making his bid for a second three-year term.

Candidates seeking local office for the first time are Edward Pepe of Shagbark Road, for a three-year term on the School Committee, and Marguerite Dern of Coes Hill Road, for a three-year term as Library Trustee.

Republicans running for re-election include Charles Arnold Jr. of Granville Road, Assessor; Donald Spencer of Vining Hill Road, Water Commission; Heyden Moore of Vining Hill Road, Board of Health; and Paul Carpenter of Feeding Hills Road, Cemetery Commission - all three-year terms.

Incumbents James Franklin of Granville Road, Planning Board, and Gerald Celley of Congamond Road, Housing Authority, were selected to run for five-year terms.

According to Caucus Chairman Ruth Waterman, 29 of the nearly 700 locally registered Republicans voted in the caucus.

Emily Susan Brzoska of Hillside Road, currently on the Board of Health, is seeking re-election to that board for a one-year term to fill a vacancy. Ms. Brzoska is the only unaffiliated candidate certified.

The town hall will be open specifically for voter registration on Saturday, March 20th, from noon to 8 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 24th, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. March 24th is the last day to register to vote in the annual election and town meeting.

Democrats - GOP Select Leaders

By Connie Davis

Republicans and Democrats in Suffield have elected new leaders.

Gary Mandirola, the treasurer of the Democratic Town Committee, was elected as chairman. Mary Dixon, Suffield Republican Publicity Chairwoman in last fall's municipal elections, was named the first woman to ever lead the Suffield Republican Town Committee.

Former chairmen, Democrat Eugene Kelly and Republican Frederick Sernatinger, elected not to continue in the leadership role.

The Democrats also elected Viola Carney as vice chairman; and Helen Corbo, secretary. Brian Fitzgerald is the new treasurer. The Republican slate includes Chet Kuras, vice chairman; Betty Walsh, treasurer; and Ruby Mochon, secretary.

A member of the Board of Finance, Mandirola has extensive business experience. Mrs. Dixon has been active in community affairs. A part chairman of Child and Family Services Auxiliary, she has also served as a member of the Schools Needs Assessment Committee and as treasurer of the Library Board.

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BOARDING BUS FOR WESTFIELD YMCA to enjoy an afternoon of swimming are, from left; Pam Smack (junior from Indian River), John Wismewski (senior from Indian River), Jerry Brousseau (freshman from Southwick), Lorraine Rogers (sophomore from Indian River), Michelle Cook (freshman from Southwick), Wendy Lemieux (junior from Southwick), Chris Amendt (senior from Indian River), and Mike Allen (freshman from Southwick). Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Southwick High Band Students Develop Friendship Thru Exchange

By Marsha Ramah

The Southwick High School band recently held its sixth annual exchange concert with the Indian River High School of Frankford, Delaware. About 45 students of the 84 member marching band traveled to Southwick by chartered bus in an eight minute trip.

They came to play music, sight see, and get acquainted with members of the Southwick band.

A full three days awaited the travelers. They toured Boston on Friday and delighted in tours of the USS Constitution, Old North Church, Quincy Market and the Boston Aquarium. On Friday night Southwick sponsored a dance in their honor, featuring the rock band "Killer Elite."

On Saturday a luncheon prepared by the Southwick Band Parents preceded an afternoon of relaxation and recreation. The school remained open for volleyball, basketball and movies. A bus transported some students to the Westfield YMCA for swimming.

The concert took place Saturday evening at 8 p.m. with the Indian River band, under the leadership of David Crede, playing six selections. Both bands combined efforts to finish off the program. A reception followed the performance.

Students from Delaware were the guests of Southwick band members' families. Accommodations were arranged with as much compatibility as possible.



BOBBY BULL, a junior from Indian River, shoots baskets with locals during a "relaxation" break between scheduled events of last weekend's "Exchange Concert" at Southwick High School. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

age, sex, instrument, etc. Chris Camara, band president; Michele Sak, band secretary; and Ernest DaNapoli, band director, traveled to Delaware several weeks ago to make the final arrangements.

Frankford students were impressed with Massachusetts. Compared to their own extremely flat region, the rolling hills of New England were spectacular. They especially enjoyed Southwick High. The Indian River High School was constructed in 1936 and lacks a suitable auditorium.

Chosen from over 50 schools contacted, Indian River has a similar band and school size to Southwick as well as musical capability. Judging from the ease with which the youngsters communicated, the choice was a good one. Southwick band member Kurt Geryk stated, "Everyone at school is really psyched about going to Delaware. We all got along so well and had so much in common, that we can't wait to see them again."

Indian River students left for home early Sunday morning. Traveling great distances is not new to this band. Last year they performed in Canada under similar circumstances. Like Southwick, Frankford raises all their funds through various activities. They have recycled materials, held spaghetti suppers, and even had a rock-a-thon - a marathon rocking chair sit to raise money. As part of the exchange, Southwick band members will go to Delaware on March 25. They will tour Washington D.C. and then display their musical talents in concert.

The Delaware students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and made some new friends. Commemorating the weekend was a plaque in the shape of Massachusetts presented to Delaware Band President, Nancy Steele. Inscribed with "Exchanging friendship with music," the plaque summed up the atmosphere of the weekend.

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Looking "Under The Rainbow..."



DANA KLING, KIM BULL & KRIS JOHNSON stand under the rainbow painted by parents of West Suffield School students in the school's cafeteria. Although the school will close next fall, parents gave it a new coat of paint and decorations. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Bridge Students Learn About Space Shuttle

By Connie Davis

On Friday, March 12, Jeff Robert, an engineer from Hamilton Standard, showed Bridge Street School students a film about the space shuttle program, and brought a space suit, used in the Skylab program, for them to see.

Robert explained that astronauts need specially equipped suits to wear both inside and outside the shuttle. The suit, known as an EMU (Extravehicular Mobility Unit) is modular, featuring interchangeable parts: torso, pants, boots, arms and gloves, sized to fit individual astronauts.

Children agreed that seeing astronauts float in cabins and out in space looks like fun. Robert explained that environmental control systems supply the cabins with conditions similar to earth. Once in space, he said conditions above the atmosphere are so hot that astronauts must be protected from intense heat.

The EMU has a life span of 15 years and weighs 225 pounds. It consists of seven layers. Robert said the suit has three main parts, each important to the survival of the astronaut.

The liner, a lightweight thermal garment, has small, plastic tubes to help alleviate the heat. The "pressure vessel," a balloon-like material, functions to put pressure on the astronaut so he can work outside the spacecraft.

The final part of the EMU, the PLSS (Primary Life Support System), consists of a back pack unit and a control unit on the suit's chest. The back pack supplies oxygen for breathing and cools and circulates water in the liquid cooling garment. The back pack contains a seven hour supply of oxygen.

The front of the PLSS is a control unit with a computer that provides operating instructions. It also monitors the suit's functions and warns of any malfunctions.

Roberts said the final items in the suit's assembly are the helmet and visor. Before putting on the helmet, which Roberts described as a "Snoopy-style" skull cap, earphones are attached for communication purposes. The astronaut can hear the ground crew on earth through this cap and it also allows for the crew to keep a close watch on the astronaut's bodily functions.

Roberts noted that to prepare for work outside the Space Shuttle, the astronaut can complete the whole process of getting dressed, without assistance, in just minutes. He said the design of the suit is simple and considers every possible item to ensure the astronaut's safety.

While Roberts' explanation seemed complicated, the children were eager to examine the space suit while he demonstrated how the suit's various parts connect.

The EMU suit and back pack were designed at Hamilton Standard and built in Dover, Delaware.

Roberts suggested to the pupils that if they ever visit Florida, they should visit the Kennedy Space Center to learn about America's exploration of what has been called "the final frontier."

In closing, Roberts reminded the children that the space shuttle is scheduled to be launched on Monday, March 22 and several of the youngsters indicated their interest in the flight was heightened by his visit.

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Suffield the Souzky

By
Stu Fuller
Guidance Chairman
SUFFIELD HIGH

Last week was the first week of "schedule building" for next year's senior class. Approximately 86% of the class of 1983 will be scheduled when this week's *Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News* goes to press. Folks are encouraged to review student schedules and to call the appropriate counselor with any questions or concerns. Also, remind students, no matter what the year of graduation, to be sure to set up an appointment for scheduling with their counselor!

Juniors who are considering more schooling at graduation are presented with a Class of '83 college handbook when they "make" their 1982-83 schedules. These should be shared with folks since the complicated process of college selection, application and financial aid will no doubt raise issues of concern for them as well.

Congratulations to the following recent college acceptances: Jennifer Berte, Franklin Pierce College; Robert Colson, Clarkson; John Kulas, Lehigh; Dave Simmons, Lehigh; Jeff Sweeney, Jacksonville U.; and Chris Matrick, Lyndon State.

The following have been accepted to University of Connecticut: Lori Armata, John Gallant, Paula Christian, Tracy Kope, Leslie Markowski, Karen Mather, Lawrence Samplatsky, Michelle Pender, Kurt Stephens, and Lisa Viscomi.

SIDE NOTE: 39% of the Class of 1982 has already been accepted to at least one post-secondary program.

WORDS OF WISDOM/DATES TO REMEMBER

March 23: 10 a.m., Kory Brackoneski, a 1981 Suffield High graduate, will be available to talk with students regarding opportunities at STCC, especially the dental assistant's program.

March 25: 9 a.m., A representative from Marymount College will be available.

March 26: S.A.T. registration deadline. Registration must be postmarked by this date to take the test at SHS on May 1st. Attention, Class of 1983!

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Wed., Mar. 24: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Popeye salad, French bread, fruit, milk

Thurs., Mar. 25: African Special: Congolese baked chicken, pilaf, boontjies (green beans), African Queen dessert, roll & butter, milk

Fri., Mar. 26: Oven fried fish, potato rounds, buttered corn, bread & butter, cookies, milk

Woodland School

Monday: Frankfurt on roll, potato puffs, cheese cubes, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad sandwich, vegetable sticks, cheese cubes, pudding, milk

Wednesday: American chop suey, Popeye salad, French bread, fruit, milk

Thursday: Turkey-gravy on bread, green beans, bread & butter, peach shortcake, milk

Friday: Same

Attention Parents!!!

Southwick: Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn would like parents to note that spring vacation this year is April 19th-23rd.

Although school will be closed on Good Friday, April 9th, vacation does not begin until ten days later in order to encompass the legal holiday slated for Patriot's Day.

Immunization Clinic Scheduled

Southwick: The first immunization clinic will be held Wednesday, March 24th, at 8:30 a.m. at Woodland School.

All children entering school in the fall must be fully immunized. This includes the diphtheria, whooping cough (perussis), tetanus series (D.P.T.), and two booster shots; polio series and a booster; measles-mumps-German measles single shot after age one.

All shots will be given at the clinic. Anyone who needs any of the vaccines should sign the papers sent home with students and return them to school immediately. Pre-school children as well as school-age are welcome.

Papers will be available at the clinic, and parents are asked to be there at 8:30 a.m.



MEMBERS OF SUFFIELD'S CADETTE TROOP 963, from left, Chraissa Fabi, Suzanne Gale, Susan Wadenker, and Tammy La Lochelle pose in front of a ten-foot whale crafted by cadettes at Sunrise Park on Mountain Road for the Conservation Commission. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Girls Scouts & Brownies Perform Town Service

By Connie Davis

Eleven Girl Scout and Brownie troops gathered at Sunrise Park Friday, March 12, to present results of a special service project to town officials.

Girl Scout coordinator Carol Lutz said the ceremony coincided with the 70th birthday of the Girl Scouts.

The service project, undertaken at the suggestion of Dr. Robert Kortmann, town conservation consultant, was twofold: to plot the bottom of the lake and to count gypsy moth eggs massing on certain areas of trees.

Older Scouts drilled holes in the frozen lake, measured depths and recorded them on a grid map.

Younger Brownies surveyed trees in designated areas and counted gypsy moth eggs on the bottom six feet of each tree.

Data from the two projects were given to Mrs. Thea Coburn, chairman of the Conservation Commission, and Arthur Christian, board member. The information obtained by Suffield scouts will aid the commission in determining how to deal with pollution of the lake.

Mrs. Coburn expressed appreciation to the scouts for the service project completed for the town. As a former Brownie and Girl Scout, she expressed the hope that they would continue to get satisfaction for doing community service, and to help Suffield be a good place to live and work.

The ceremony concluded with singing "Blow the Man Down," as the girls gathered around a ten foot whale, crafted by Cadettes.

FFA Alumni Sponsoring Series Of Workshops

Suffield: The Suffield Regional Future Farmers of America Alumni Group is sponsoring a series of workshops beginning this month to be held at the Suffield Vo-Ag Center at Suffield High School. All workshops are free and open to the public.

On March 24th, the workshop will center on small fruits. Dick Schwenzer, agricultural agent, and Chet Kuras will discuss basic care and planning necessary

to get ready for the upcoming season. Session begins at 7:30 p.m.

On March 30th, the focus will be on reproduction in the mare. Dr. Werner of Granby will discuss reproduction in the mare and common problems that may be encountered. Session begins at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Elizabeth Takacs at (203) 653-6525 or the Suffield Vo-Ag Center at (203) 668-5355.

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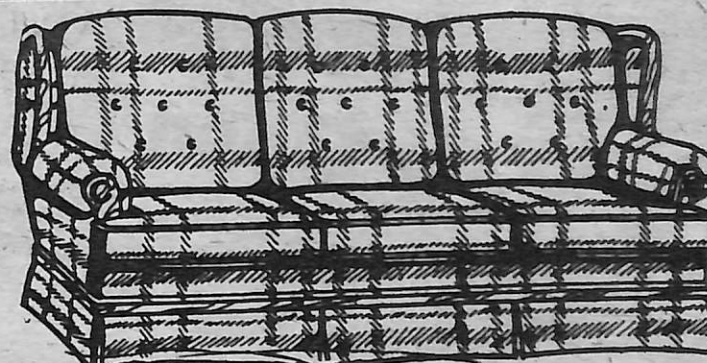
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Lift Your Spirits

By Mickey Spear

Interest In Wines Growing

With the tremendous interest in wine, and it is growing each day, it could be confusing for the beginner to know just which one to choose.

There are but five major classes of wine, with a number of basic types within each class.

I. Appetizer Wines: Dry or cocktail sherry, sweet or dry Vermouth are examples. The alcoholic content ranges from 15 - 20 percent and should be served chilled. These wines are also good with snacks in the afternoon or evening.

II. White Table Wines: Rhine, Chablis, Sauterne are examples of this class and contain 10 to 14 percent alcohol. They are usually semi-dry and are served chilled. These wines can be served with either fish, poultry or eggs.

III. Red Table Wines: Burgandy, Chianti, Valpolicella and Bourdelais are examples of this group. They contain 10 to 14 percent alcohol. These wines are served cool, not chilled. They are perfect for red meat and heavy stews. Rose wines fit into the red wine category but are sometimes in-between. Served chilled, they are suitable for fish and for beef.

IV. Dessert Wines: Cream Sherry and Port are good examples of this classification. They contain approximately 20 percent alcohol and these wines can be served either with dessert or after dessert and need not be chilled.

V. Sparkling Wines: Who has not heard of champagne? However, there are others. Sparkling Rose, Sparkling Burgandy, Italy's Asti Spumante lines and domestic Spumante are delicious. Usually festive wines, they are served chilled and contain 14 percent alcohol. Asti Spumante tends to be sweeter than champagne.

Suffield Historical Society Sets Program On Railroads

The Suffield Historical Society will hold a program on "Railroads of New England" on Wednesday, March 24th at the East Street Firehouse beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Joseph R. Snopek of Granby, Massachusetts who is a locomotives buff and will tell all about the old trains and show some interesting slides.

Mrs. H.K. Swanson is the hostess for the meeting.

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LIBRARY UPDATE

By Mary Williams
Southwick Library

Library Offers Quilting Classes

The Southwick Public Library is pleased to announce that Peggy Jones of Granville will be conducting two quilting classes in the library this spring. The Beginner's Class will be held on Wednesday evening from 7 - 8:30 starting on April 1. The fee for each class will be \$20 and those interested may sign up at the library or by calling Peggy Jones at 357-8764.

The Beginner's Class will include instruction in various quilting techniques including flat quilting, trapunto, Italian and Hawaiian quilting, reverse applique, cathedral window, log cabin or basic patchwork. Quilt squares suitable for quilt, pillow or wall hanging will be assembled.

The Patchwork Class will focus specifically on the design and traditional patchwork and progressing to more complex patterns. Work is most easily done by machine but can also be done by hand. Templates are traced in class, colors chosen and assembly is done as homework each week.

Emphasis is placed on piecing and color coordination as well as quilt history and design. Students for both classes will need to bring sewing scissors, pins, white thread, ruler, notebook, pen and a well-sharpened pencil.

The librarian has started some flower seeds which she would like to transplant into outdoor containers when the weather permits. If anyone has two extra window boxes or two pots suitable for hanging which will not otherwise be in use this summer, the loan would be welcome.

The library has recently acquired two volumes which should interest genealogists in the area. The first is **The Genealogy of the Family of William Watson and Nancy H. Bean** of Granville and the second is a photocopy of the **Records of the Southwick Congregational Church, 1773-1900** which was edited and indexed by Mr. Gilbert Arnold and presented to the library by him.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield
Firemen's Association, Inc.



Hotel Fire Safety

Recent spectacular fires involving many deaths have caused much concern over hotel/motel fire safety. If staying at such a building, be cognizant of the following.

1. **Locate the two closest exits** near your location. Now, locate one more exit remote from the other two. Be certain they are not locked or blocked, and that they lead outside. (NO ELEVATORS!)
2. **Locate the manual fire alarm** pull stations.
3. **Locate the portable fire extinguishers.** Take a minute to read and understand the operating instructions printed on them.
4. **Ask the manager** about the fire alarm signal and evacuation plans.
5. **In the event you smell smoke** and/or the fire alarm goes off - get out immediately AND SAFELY. Feel your door for heat, crawl under smoke, etc.
6. **If you become trapped** in your room, and you see no fire, remain in your room. Seal all door openings, air vents, etc. Notify fire personnel of your location (phone or other signals) and remain CALM.

Community Night Slated At Southwick Grange

"Community Night" will be held at the Southwick Grange in place of its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 23. The program will start at 8 p.m. sharp.

The Community Citizen award will be presented to Gilbert Arnold. This award is designed for use by subordinate Granges in recognizing a non-Grange person, couple, or group who have contributed outstanding service to the community.

The Barber Shop Quartet from the Chordsmen of Springfield will perform. Connie Johnson will introduce the popular Springfield group.

Master of Ceremonies will be Gerald Celley. The public is cordially invited to this program. Refreshments will be served by Mary McLaughlin, Marion Anderson, Hubert Shaw, Ruth Conner and Ann Phelps.

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Suffield Recreation Department

March-April Programs

The Suffield Recreation Department will be offering the following programs in March and April:

Beginning on Monday, March 29 and Wednesday, March 31, the Rec Department will offer a **WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS**. The Monday and Wednesday programs will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the McAlister Middle School Gym. The fee is \$10.

A Wednesday morning program is also offered at a fee of \$10. Participants are asked to be at the gym at 10:30 a.m. The Wednesday afternoon session ends at 12:30 p.m. and runs through June 2, as does the Wednesday evening program.

Beginning on April 15 and through May 20, the Rec Department is offering an **ORIENTAL RUG-MAKING DESIGN** class on Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee is \$25 and all classes are slated for the Recreation office.

On Tuesday, April 20 the Rec Department offers a **HERBAL WREATH WORKSHOP** at the Suffield High School cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Cost of the workshop is \$15.

A **BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S TENNIS COURSE** will begin on Tuesday, April 13 and run through May 27. The course is also offered on Thursdays. Each session will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Each participant must be at least 19 years old. The tennis course will be held at the Suffield High School courts. A fee of \$19 is being charged for the program.

Suffield Rec Volleyball

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Circuit Courts 3	Circuit Courts 6-6
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	East Street 2-10
Tornadoes 2	Tornadoes 2-10
Tumbling Dice 1	

Suffield Rec Department Slates Softball Sign-ups

The Suffield Rec Department will hold girls softball sign-ups for grades 6 - 10 Monday - Thursday March 29 - April 2. On Thursday, April 1 an evening registration will be held between 6 - 8 p.m. All sign-ups will take place at the Rec Department. Practice begins on April 12.

Laughing Brook Offers First Aid Course

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a course for adults interested in becoming certified in standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 o'clock beginning March 30th and running four weeks.

Hampden Town Moderator Dalton Philpott, a volunteer at both sponsoring organizations, will be the instructor. Participants may take either CPR or first aid separately if desired.

Course fees are \$11.50 for first aid and \$7.50 for CPR. Space in the classes is limited and reservations are required in advance. For more information, call (413) 566-8034.



Recreation Center

Powdermill Road, Southwick

The Southwick Recreation Center will hold its fifth "Las Vegas Night" on Saturday, March 27th, from 7:00 p.m. until midnight at the Rec Center. The Southwick Rec Center is a large yellow building located on Powder Mill Road. The \$3 admission charge and all proceeds made at Las Vegas Night will be used to supplement youth activities at the Rec Center.

A good variety of games will be available for people to try their luck on. One of the most popular games is the "Money Wheel," which we are proud to own. Other popular games of chance include the "roulette wheel," "blackjack," "7 over 7 under," "craps," "chuk-a-luk," and "beat the dealer."

Soft drinks, coffee, alcoholic beverages, fresh popcorn and candy will be available as refreshments.

The Rec Center would like to see a large crowd at this Las Vegas Night; so please join us and be one of the lucky winners!

On Wednesday, March 10th, close to 300 bingo players competed for large cash prizes. The Rec Center hopes to see even more bingo enthusiasts join us for our Wednesday night bingo, which begins at 7:15 p.m.

The Southwick Rec Center basketball team lost to St. Mary's of Westfield by a close 53-50 count in inter-town league play on Thursday, March 11th. Southwick's Todd Cook and Mark Typroicz played a very good game with Cook mastering some excellent shots, steals, and rebounds.

Basketball action on Saturday, March 13th, saw the Sixers beat the Kings in a tight 33-29 game. Timmy Hardick of the Sixers helped make the win with his foul shots at the end of the game. Another Sixer, Dave Gullet, had key rebounds which preserved the Sixers victory. The Kings were paced by Billy Lis.

The Celtics were beat by the Hawks 57-33. Billy Richards and Kevin Zomek topped the Hawks scoring list; while Kevin Cass put in 21 points for the losers.

The final "summer programs sign-up," will be Sunday, March 28th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. Any child signing up after this date will be placed on teams only if placements are available. Please try to make this sign-up!

The Impacts Of The Common Cold

The common cold not only has a tremendous impact on the national economy but on the individual consumer's pocketbook as well, says Dr. George Goldstein, medical director of Winthrop Laboratories, Div. of Sterling Drug Inc., here. Citing data developed by government agencies, epidemiological scientists, and medical and pharmaceutical associations, he points out that in the average year some 90 million men, women, and children — nearly half the total U.S. population — come down with about 98 million colds.

Preschool children average six to 12 upper respiratory infections a year, Dr. Goldstein said. Adults in the 25-to-35-year-old age group come next with about six colds a year, while the older population gets only two or three. The net result is that colds each year account for over 1 million person-years in time lost from work, more than all other reasons combined, and more than half the absences from school.

time and to the consumer in cold remedies and medical expense amounts to a huge \$5 billion a year, Dr. Goldstein noted. Of this amount, consumers spent \$735 million, in 1980 alone, on nonprescription drugs for the temporary relief of cold symptoms.

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